

We are strongly against any further deregulation of the media and consequent further consolidation of the news and media outlets. It is so obviously bad for the country, and so blatantly favors the few corporations that already have the power and financial resources to take further control of news and entertainment programming.

In a free society it is essential for the citizenry to be exposed to, or at least

given the choice of, different viewpoints and information. To have that flow of information and tenor of programming be controlled by a few is dangerous to our democracy. Already, much of what is chosen to be distributed as news, and what is commented on and presented as fact, is a limited, glazed over, copied, surface coverage and repeat, of the same few stories. The news and our media seems to function in a bubble .....ignoring most of our world.

To further encourage this unfortunate situation, to promote less education about our world, to give people fewer choices, to concentrate more power over the minds and thoughts and attitudes of our people in the hands of those with only their own financial and political self interest at heart is unpatriotic and definitely unAmerican.....

You may mean well, but stifling debate on this issue is exactly what deregulation will do on a national level.....stifle the exquisite and necessary exchange of ideas and information that are absolutely essential to a well informed electorate....Americans are already, in large part, unexposed when it comes to things outside of our country and its popular culture.....to further limit our understanding and exposure will only create a country less able to function effectively and peacefully and productively in our world. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness will be a lot harder to come by.